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In re application of: ZUBKOV et al.

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Examiner: ERDEM, Fazl

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AMENDMENT B

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

REMARKS

The applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his time in discussing this matter by telephone on March 11, 2003. Some of the remarks from the previous response to office action are being resubmitted as requested by the Examiner, during the discussion.

Claims 1-20 are pending.

The Examiner objected to claims 4-7, 9-12, and 15, stating that these claims were dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicants appreciate the Examiner's comments. These claims will be amended accordingly, if required at a later date.